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Refugees reportedly still in Tapachula and difficult to reach. Inter-American Association Broadcasters has had own member there trying five days interview Cordoba especially. No results yet. US press services not extending themselves because remoteness Tapachula, limited number refugees and hope all will be brought Mexico City soon. Rumor today one Samoya Giron reportedly sheltered in Mexican Embassy Guatemala is now in Mexico City hands of Guatemalan Refugee Association. Embassy and USIS striving various ways meet some of requests made but circumstances complex and sensitive. Hoping developments next week will simplify problems. FYI: Another agency actively involved this problem and Embassy trusts adequate coordination taking place proper level in Washington.

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